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Viewing cable 06AMMAN5492, INTELLIGENCE DIRECTOR COMMENTS ON IRAN-SYRIA

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| Reference ID | Created | Released | Classification | Origin |
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| 06AMMAN5492 | 2006-07-21 11:33 | 2011-08-30 01:44 | SECRET//NOFORN | Embassy Amman |

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SUBJECT: INTELLIGENCE DIRECTOR COMMENTS ON IRAN-SYRIA
RESUPPLY FLIGHTS

REF: A. STATE 118622

~~B.~~ STATE 119421

~~C.~~ AMMAN 05447

Classified By: AMBASSADOR DAVID HALE FOR REASONS 1.4 (B) and (D)

(S/NF) General Intelligence Director Muhammad Dhahabi told Ambassador and acting SIRO chief on July 21 that the GOJ received a request for overflight permission, and denied it. He said Syrian authorities complained to him about the GOJ's refusal; Dhahabi claimed to have replied that Syrian behavior that was threatening to the interests of Jordan and the region, and that Syria's facilitation of Iranian support for Hizballah should cease. He told the Ambassador he had suggested to the King that the flight be shot down if it violated Jordanian airspace; he said the King was reserved about that idea and suggested it be forced to land instead. Dhahabi viewed the overflight request as further evidence the Iranians think they are on the offensive and can bully others in the region.

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